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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT DECISIONS (IDB.28/L.2-L.10)

1. **The PRESIDENT** said that a number of draft decisions, contained in documents IDB.28/L.2-L.10, were submitted to the Board for consideration. They had been the subject of informal consultations chaired by Mr. Stelzer (Austria).

2. **Mr. STELZER** (Austria), speaking as chairman of the informal consultations, said that consensus had been reached on all the draft decisions, a positive outcome which was due to the active participation of numerous delegations and the cooperative spirit that had prevailed.

3. Referring to draft decision IDB.28/L.8, relating to the restoration of voting rights for Ukraine, he said that the draft was based on the wording of similar decisions at the level of the General Conference. The discussions had revealed some ambiguity concerning the period or sessions covered in such a decision to restore voting rights. However, the restoration of voting rights at the level of the General Conference in respect of four UNIDO Members had in every case been linked to a payment plan signed by those Members, as recommended in the 1998 report of the open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions (IDB.19/12 and Corr.1), which stated in paragraph 14 that: "When considering applications for the restoration of voting rights, the competent body should regularly take into account the state of payments made under an agreed payment plan." Given that background, and the adoption of the report in question by the Board in decision IDB.19/Dec.5 (see document GC.8/2), he had been requested to include in his report to the plenary the understanding that the period covered by the voting rights restoration was linked to payments effected under a payment plan. Once an organ had decided to restore the voting rights of one of its members on the basis of a payment plan, it would ascertain at the beginning of each session whether the payments had been made in accordance with the terms of that plan.

4. **The PRESIDENT** thanked the chairman and all those who had participated in the informal discussions for their work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR 2003 ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION (*continued*) (IDB.28/2 and Add.1)

5. No draft decision having been submitted under the item, **the PRESIDENT** proposed that the Board take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat.

6. *It was so decided.*

OUTCOME OF THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE GROUPS (*continued*) (IDB.28/6, IDB.28/7; IDB.28/CRP.6)

7. No draft decision having been submitted under the item, **the PRESIDENT** proposed that the Board take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat.

8. *It was so decided.*

MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2004-2007 (*continued*)

9. **The PRESIDENT** suggested that consideration of the item should be deferred pending the availability of the text of the relevant draft decision.

10. *It was so decided.*

FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO (*continued*) (IDB.28/10; IDB.28/CRP.5; IDB.28/L.3 and L.8)

11. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.3, entitled "Financial situation of UNIDO".

12. *The draft decision was adopted.*

13. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.8, entitled "Restoration of voting rights—Ukraine".

14. *The draft decision was adopted.*

TRANSITION TO A SINGLE-CURRENCY SYSTEM (*continued*) (IDB.28/9; IDB.28/L.2)

15. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.2.

16. *The draft decision was adopted.*

ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (*continued*) (IDB.28/4)

17. No draft decision having been submitted under the item, **the PRESIDENT** proposed that the Board take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat.

18. *It was so decided.*

GLOBAL BIOTECHNOLOGY FORUM (*continued*) (IDB.28/8; IDB.28/CRP.3; IDB.28/L.5)

19. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.5.

20. *The draft decision was adopted.*

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY (*continued*) (IDB.28/1/Add.1; IDB.28/L.10)

21. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.10.

22. *The draft decision was adopted.*

MATTERS RELATED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (*continued*) (IDB.28/12 and Add.1; IDB.28/L.4)

23. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.4, entitled "Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status".

24. *The draft decision was adopted.*

The meeting was suspended at 3.45 p.m. and resumed at 4.20 p.m.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DATE OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION (*continued*) (IDB.28/CRP.2; IDB.28/L.6)

25. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.6.

26. *The draft decision was adopted.*

DATE AND PLACE OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE (*continued*) (IDB.28/11; IDB.28/CRP.8; IDB.28/L.7)

27. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.7.

28. *The draft decision was adopted.*

MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK, 2004-2007 (*continued*) (IDB.28/3; IDB.28/CRP.9)

(a) APPLICATION OF THE STRATEGIC GUIDELINES "TOWARDS IMPROVED UNIDO PROGRAMME DELIVERY" (*continued*) (IDB.28/3)

29. No draft decision having been submitted under the sub-item, **the PRESIDENT** proposed that the Board take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat.

30. *It was so decided.*

(b) SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION (*continued*) (IDB.28/2)

31. No draft decision having been submitted under the sub-item, the PRESIDENT proposed that the Board take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat.

32. *It was so decided.*

(c) UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES EMERGING FROM CRISIS SITUATIONS (*continued*) (IDB.28/5; IDB.28/CRP.4)

33. No draft decision having been submitted under the sub-item, **the PRESIDENT** proposed that the Board take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat.

34. *It was so decided.*

(d) DECENTRALIZATION (*continued*) (IDB.28/6; IDB.28/CRP.7; IDB.28/L.9)

35. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.28/L.9.

36. **Mr. STELZER** (Austria) suggested that, in paragraph (c), the words "as well as the information provided in document IDB.28/CRP.7" should be deleted.

37. *It was so decided.*

38. *The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.*

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (IDB.28/L.1)

39. **Mr. ALVAREZ GOYOAGA** (Uruguay), Rapporteur, introducing document IDB.28/L.1, said that it represented the framework of the report. The final version would be compiled in close consultation with the Friends of the Rapporteur and would duly reflect the proceedings of the session, including the decisions that had just been adopted.

40. **The PRESIDENT** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the draft report as a whole on the understanding that the Rapporteur would finalize it in consultation with the Friends of the Rapporteur as soon as possible after the closure of the session.

41. *It was so decided.*

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

42. **Mr. MAGARIÑOS** (Director-General) thanked all delegations for their expressions of support for UNIDO. During his six years in office, the Organization had administered over 900 million dollars, including 500 million for technical cooperation programmes, a mark of the success of UNIDO's transformation.

43. The decisions adopted at the current session would be useful in guiding the work of the Organization over the coming months, in particular the decision on decentralization. The terms of that decision would be strictly observed and the informal consultations initiated in the advisory group on the decentralization process would be continued. Such open dialogue was essential and could achieve very practical results when the interests of the Organization were placed above private interests.

44. While it was necessary for UNIDO to continue to have a strong presence in the multilateral protocols and expand its administration of institutions such as the International Centre for Science and High Technology or investment promotion offices, it was essential to increase within the next few years the level of its technical cooperation services in such areas as investment promotion, trade capacity-building, technology transfer, private sector and agro-industrial development, energy and the environment so that it could maintain and enhance its positive image among Member States.

45. He invited delegations to participate in a forthcoming open seminar at which staff of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements Branch would discuss with colleagues in other branches ways of using the multilateral protocols to generate more technical cooperation projects for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises or the agricultural sector. Further such meetings would be held periodically, which members of delegations would be welcome to attend. It was necessary to foster awareness of the need to increase technical cooperation activities with a clear vision of how to enhance their impact in order to reduce poverty.

46. Progress to date towards attainment of the Millennium Development Goals fell short of target. The international community had still not invested sufficient funds or put together a set of policies to break the poverty trap in a sustainable manner. Time needed to be devoted to discussing the issue. Member States would be given opportunities to put forward their points of view and representatives of the private sector and the academic community would be asked to help contribute to a clearer understanding of how best to proceed.

47. **The PRESIDENT**, after thanking the participants for their support and cooperation, declared the twenty-eighth session of the Industrial Development Board closed.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.